

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1 through 22 will be in the application, with claims 1, 12, and 20 currently amended, claims 6 and 15-19 canceled, and claim 22 newly added. No new matter has been added. Entry of this Response is respectfully requested because it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102 and 103

Claim 6 stands rejected as being unpatentable over US Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0128450 (hereinafter “Edirisooriya”) in view of US Patent No. 6,574,682 (hereinafter Chan). All of the pending claims have been amended to recited limitations similar to those in previously pending claim 6. Newly added claim 22 is identical to claim 6 as originally filed (which was rejected in view of the same references).

The Edirisooriya published patent application is citable against the present application, if at all, only pursuant to 35 USC 102(e).

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STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

Applicants hereby state that the present application and the Edirisooriya published patent application (US Publication No. 2004/0128450) were, at the time the present invention was made, commonly owned by Intel Corporation, the Assignee of the present application.

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In view of the above Statement of Common Ownership, the Edirisooriya patent application is disqualified, pursuant to 35 USC § 103(c), from being used in a rejection under § 103(a) against the claims of this application. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection of pending claims be withdrawn.

C O N C L U S I O N

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

Respectfully submitted,



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